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In re Patent Application of:
Brody, et al.

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For: ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACID FROM
MOUTH EPITHELIAL CELLS

Examiner: Salmon, K.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 21, 2008, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-5, 7 and 13-14), drawn to a kit comprising a scraping instrument, a storage vessel, and stabilizing solution to collect RNA. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

This response is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. The extension fee and any other fee that may be due should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-3655, under Order No. BOSU-001-301.

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Respectfully submitted,

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